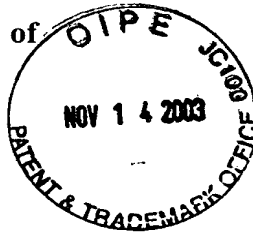


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 15, 2003, the period of response to which is set to expire on November 15, 2003, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for three months. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: